REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed September 7, 2005. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. Claims 1, 7 and 10 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 2, 8 and 12, respectively, which have subsequently been canceled. Claims 4-6 and 13-14 have been amended to update their dependencies. No new matter has been added, and no new issues have been raised as a result of these amendments. Thus, consideration and entry of this After-Final Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 3, 7 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Mendez et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,463,374. Independent claims 1, 7 and 10 have been amended to include the elements of claims 2, 8 and 12, respectively, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 2, 4-6, 8 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Mendez et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,463,374, in view of Otterbach et al., U.S. Publication No. 2003/0184447. Claims 2, 8 and 12 have been canceled, leaving claims 4-6 and 13-14 subject to rejection. One of the requirements of a proper *prima facie* obviousness rejection is that the cited combination must disclose each and every claimed element. That requirement has not been met in this instance.

The Examiner has asserted that Mendez et al. "reasonably" suggests transmitting data using, as claimed, the same data format, the same frequency, the same communication speed and the same modulation method. This is incorrect. While Mendez et al. disclose using a common communication format, there is no express teaching to employ the same data format, the same frequency, the same communication speed and the same modulation method. Mendez et al. do not describe or suggest this claimed element.

Further, Mendez et al. also fail to teach or suggest that the data format includes data showing the manufacturer of the transmitter. The Examiner has asserted that Otterbach et al. disclose that the data format includes data showing the manufacturer of the transmitter. However, as noted in the previous Amendment, Otterbach et al. do not describe a wireless system and thus cannot be considered as remedying the noted shortcomings of the wireless system disclosed by Mendez et al.

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Moreover, it is noted that Otterbach et al. disclose an information transmission format that includes identification of the manufacturer of a sensor or a chip. This is not the same as including data showing the manufacturer of a transmitter. Thus, Otterbach et al. do not disclose a data format that includes information showing the manufacturer of a transmitter.

In at least this regard, Otterbach et al. fail to remedy the noted shortcomings of Mendez et al. The cited combination fails to disclose each and every claimed element. As a result, the *prima facie* obviousness rejection is flawed and should be withdrawn. Applicants do not concede that the Examiner has properly established the other requirements of a *prima facie* obviousness rejection, i.e. motivation to combine or a reasonable expectation of success upon doing so. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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